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ROBOTS AREN'T JUST TOOLS FOR HUMANS!

Meet Atom, the world's first super robot with a heart. His very first mission is to learn about the world and decide what's right or wrong. Under the Professor's guidance, he uses his incredible powers to save lives and battle evil robots!

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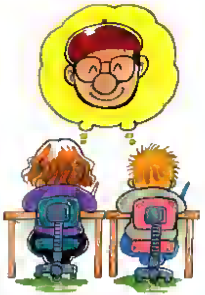

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AUTHOR'S MUSINGS

I never thought I'd have the chance to work on Mr Osamu Tezuka's ***Astroboy.*** Fate works in strange ways! It's a struggle every time I attempt to bring to life my own interpretation of Atom...

High up in the skies and through the ages, Atom continues to soar!

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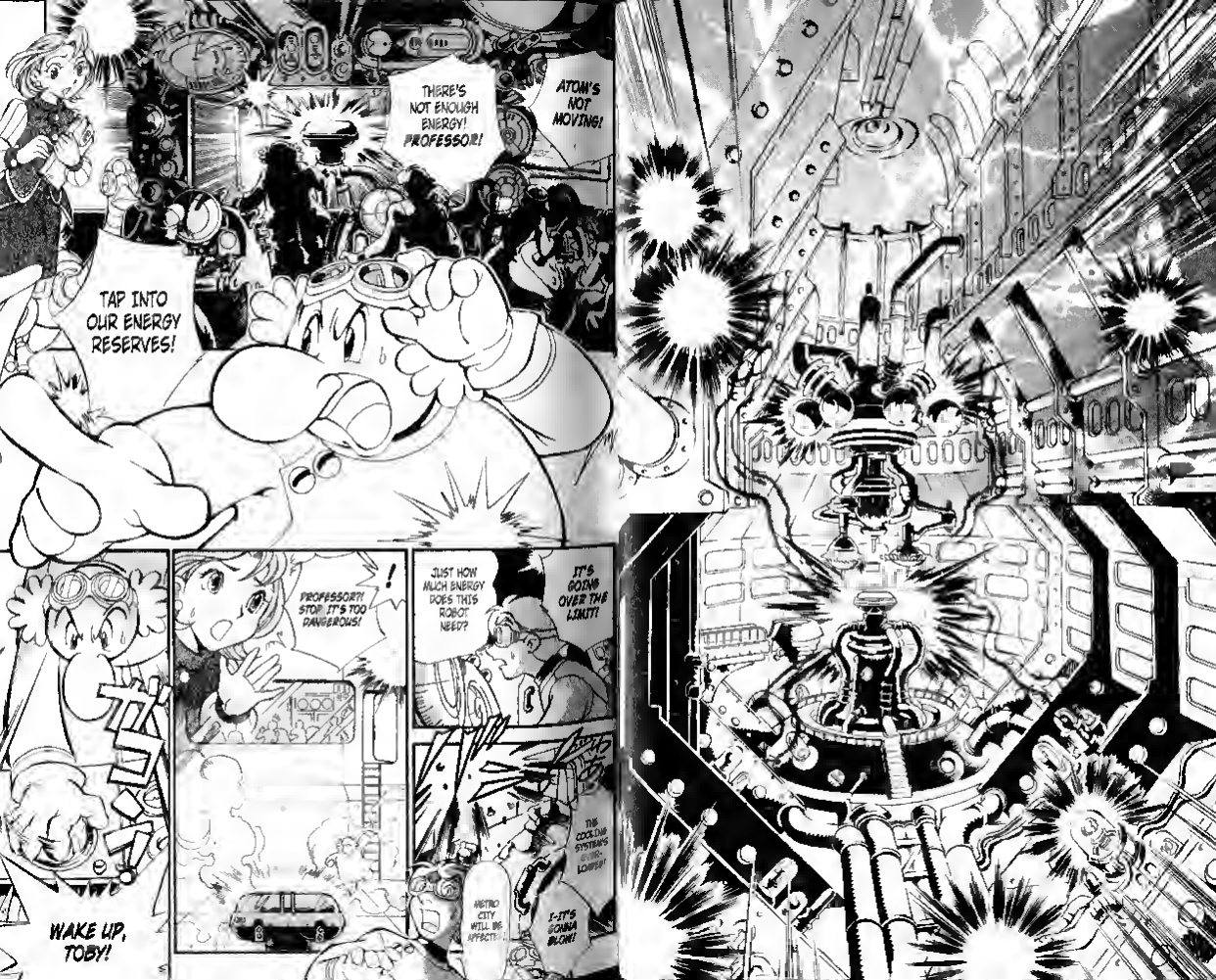
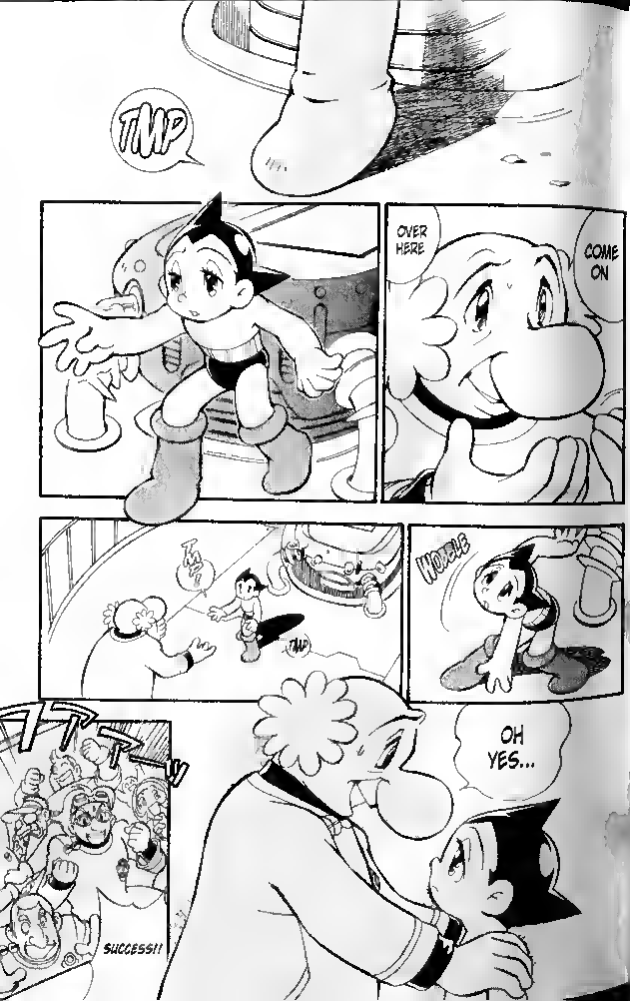
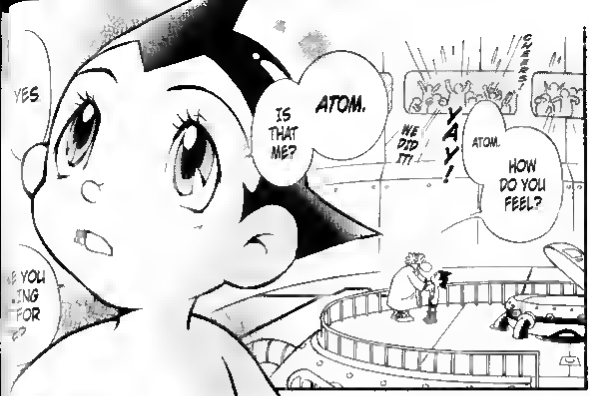

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ENERGY! PROFESSOR!
ATOM'S NOT MOVING!
TAP INTO OUR ENERGY RESERVES!
PROFESSOR!! STOP! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
!
JUST HOW MUCH ENERGY DOES THIS ROBOT NEED?
IT'S GOING OVER THE LIMIT!
THE COOLING SYSTEM'S OVERLOADED!
METRO CITY WILL BE AFFECTED!
I-IT'S GONNA BLOW!
WAKE UP, TOBY!

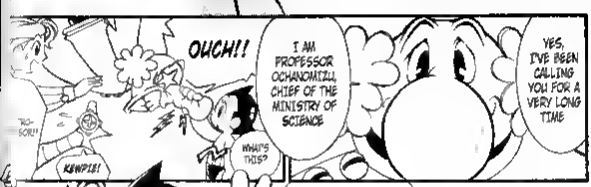
OCHANOMIZU
HAVE YOU REALLY AWAKENED THAT ROBOT?
OHH!!

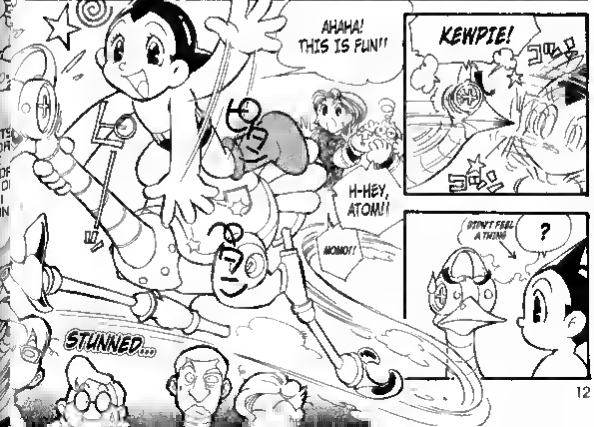

TWP
OVER HERE
COME ON
TWP
WHOA
OH YES...
SUCCESS!!

METRO CITY A CITY SET IN THE FUTURE

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU?
AH! CHIEF!
AND THEY ARE NOW AN IMPORTANT PART OF HUMAN LIFE


YES
ATOM.
IS THAT ME?
WE DID IT!
YAY!
SUPER!
ATOM.
HOW DO YOU FEEL?


OUCH!!
I AM PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU, CHIEF OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE
YES, I'VE BEEN CALLING YOU FOR A VERY LONG TIME
KEWPIE!
WHAT'S THIS?


AHAHA! THIS IS FUN!!
KEWPIE!
H-HEY, ATOM!!
MOMO!!
STUNNED...
DIDN'T FEEL A THING
?

IT'S NOT OBEYING INSTRUCTIONS...?!
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE MAIN COMPUTER
AH
PROFESSOR
ATOM!!
ATOM, THAT'S NOT THE WAY TO PLAY WITH BUILDING BLOCKS.
LOOK AT THIS! THE POOR GOLDFISH IS DEAD.
ATOM!! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
EH?
...!
...
OUR GOAL WAS TO CREATE THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL SUPER ROBOT!
WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S JUST A BABY ROBOT!!
JUST LOOK AT THAT THING!
WE CAN'T POSSIBLY ANNOUNCE TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE HAS WASTED 5 YEARS TO MAKE A BABY ROBOT!!
HE STILL HAS A LOT TO LEARN...
THE CHILD HAS JUST BEEN BORN
WHY WOULD WE NEED SUCH A ROBOT?
A ROBOT WITH A HEART?
THIS IS THE START OF A NEW AGE
PLEASE INVENT SOMETHING USEFUL, CHIEF
JEEZ
LET ME INFORM YOU THAT THIS CHILD IS THE WORLD'S FIRST ROBOT WITH A 'HEART'!!

THE CHIEF IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS FOR THE SAKE OF THAT NEW ROBOT...
WHAT HAPPENED?
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YESTERDAY'S ENERGY OVERLOAD!!
AAAAHH!!
THE PREVIOUS CHIEF PROFESSOR TENMA, KEPT OVERWORKING THE COMPUTER
NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE!!
TENMA?
AH!
THE ROBOT IN CHARGE HAS GONE OUT OF CONTROL!!
PROFESSOR, PLEASE COME TO THE MAIN COMPUTER ROOM AT ONCE
WHAT'S THIS!!
ズズン
WHA-
AND ONCE 'LIFE' IS LOST, IT CAN NEVER BE REPLACED
LIFE...
LISTEN, THIS IS NOT A TOY IT IS A LIVING THING WITH 'LIFE'
...
I DIDN'T KNOW...
SORRY
THAT'S ALRIGHT, YOU UNDERSTAND NOW

LOOK OUT!!
OH, ATOM?!
GRAB!
PROFESSOR, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
MUST BE HANDLED WITH CARE!
AT THE FESSOR'S HOUSE!!
I WANNA...
HE'S IN DANGER!
HE'S...
THE PROFESSOR!
HELP?!
HELP!!
ALRIGHT!
CAN FLY?
?!

WOW!
WHAT'S THAT, PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU?
Chapter 2
ATOM GOES TO SCHOOL
YOU'LL BE ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL FROM TODAY ONWARDS, ATOM.
WHAT'S A SCHOOL?
A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN LIKE YOU STUDY AND PLAY
YOU WILL MAKE LOTS OF FRIENDS

YOU ARE... AMAZING, ATOM!
THAT SMALL ROBOT ACTUALLY
INCREDIBLE!
I'M SORRY
TOHOHO... I'LL PAY FOR IT.
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY FOR THE DAMAGES ANYMORE!
THERE'S A...
HOLE IN THE FLOOR.

AHH!!
WHO'S THAT?
HUH?
WHOA!
WAAAH!
A...
WHAT ARE YOU...
ROBOT?!
...
HERE WE ARE.

OKAY!
I'M GOING TO TALK TO THE PRINCIPAL, SO WAIT HERE
I FEEL... SO EXCITED
EH...
FRIENDS
STUDY
I WANT TO MAKE SOME FRIENDS SOON!
HUH? THAT IS...
A HUMAN CHILD!
OH NO!! I'M LATE!
OH! THE ROOF OF THAT GARDEN IS OPEN
I CAN'T GET INTO THE BUILDING FROM HERE...
...LIKE BIRDS
IF ONLY I COULD FLY...
SHALL I TAKE YOU THERE?
THAT SOUND GREAT BUT

HE'S LIKE A NINE-YEAR-OLD BOY
ALTHOUGH ATOM IS A ROBOT, HE HAS A HEART
BUT WHY SEND A ROBOT TO SCHOOL?
HESITATE? AT FIRST
SKIIIP
YOO-HOO! MADE IT!
AH, HE'S HERE!!
IT'S TO HELP HIM GROW...
...AND MAKE FRIENDS WITH OTHER KIDS
LET ME INTRODUCE YOUR NEW CLASSMATE
!
BE QUIET, EVERYONE!
I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT JUST TO DO MY HOMEWORK.
KENICHI! WHY ARE YOU LATE TODAY?!
THAT'S GREAT! I'D LOVE TO SEE YOUR WORK.
WHOA! YOU'RE WELL-MADE
JUST LIKE A HUMAN BEING!
TURN TURN
YOU'RE REALLY A ROBOT!
PROD PROD
POKE
I'M ATOM.
ARE YOU... MY FRIEND?
SMILE
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
THANK YOU FOR LETTING ATOM JOIN THE SCHOOL.
OH NO, IT'S TIME FOR CLASS!
THANKS FOR HELPING! SEE YOU, ATOM!
WE'VE ONLY JUST MET SO...
I'M NOT SURE IF WE CAN BE FRIENDS.
ERM...
SEE YOU

WHAT'S WEIRD ABOUT IT?
WHAT D'YA MEAN, SKYMARK?
!
HEH, A ROBOT ATTENDING SCHOOL! NOW THAT'S A WEIRD SIGHT!
SPIN (
MY DAD SAID ROBOTS ARE JUST TOOLS CREATED TO SERVE HUMANS
PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU NEVER LIES!!
THAT PROFESSOR WAS LYING TO YOU
PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU SAID THAT HUMANS AND ROBOTS ARE FRIENDS!
WELL, I SAY THAT HE'S A BIG FAT LIAR
HA HA HA!
...!
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ATOM WILL BE JOINING THE CLASS TODAY
CHATTER
PLEASED TO MEET YOU!!
HOPE TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH ALL OF YOU SOON
HELLO! I'M ATOM
RIGHT EVERYONE, TO FOR YOUR LESSONS
CHATTER
MURMUR
WHY ...?
EH ...?
IT'S A ROBOT
A ROBOT!
RM.
AH!
ALL ALONG, ROBOTS HAVE BEEN MERE TOOLS FOR HUMANKIND
OH YUMP!
EH YUMP!
I HOPE ATOM WILL BECOME THE BRIDGE BETWEEN HUMANS AND ROBOTS
IT IS NOW TIME FOR US TO START INTERACTING WITH ROBOTS AS FRIENDS
...
...
TAP

WHOA! THIS IS FUN!!
WOW!
THAT IS SO COOL!!
ATOM, I WANT TO FLY TOO
?!
I'M NEXT!
ME TOO.
LET'S GO TO THE SCHOOL GARDEN!
HEY
S-SURE!
ATOM, WHAT SUBJECTS ARE YOU TAKING?
ATOM, LET'S BE FRIENDS
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT ROBOTS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO HURT HUMANS?!
WATCH OUT, EVERYONE! THIS ROBOT IS VIOLENT!! DANGEROUS!
SMASH
UWAH!!
NO, HE'S NOT!!
WHY ARE YOU HITTING ME?!
AH...
REMEMBER, ATOM, WHAT YOU DO SHALL AFFECT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HUMANS AND ROBOTS
I DIDN'T MEAN TO...
I-I'M SORRY...
YES, PROFESSOR.
DON'T ACT RASHLY.
DON'T WORRY.
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
SAY, LET'S TRY THAT AGAIN..
ATOM HAS A HEART
STOP IT, SHIBUGAK!!
THAT'S WHY HE GOT ANGRY AT YOU
I'M SORRY!!

BOUNCE
IT'S TOO HIGH, KEN
A DOG...?
NO, IT'S A ROBOT DOG.
HEY, THAT'S OUR BALL!
AH!
EEEE
ATOM?!
RUNNING AWAY
A DOG TOOK OUR BALL!
ARE YOU SKIPPING CLASS?! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
GRRR

I'M KENICHI
A FAVOUR IN RETURN FOR A FAVOUR!
I...
THANK YOU!!
I KNOW
REMEMBER, FLYING WOULD BE CHEATING

GLIMT
LET'S PLAY HEHEHE!
CHILDREN SHOULDN'T BE HERE
ROBOTS?!
EH?!
THEY'RE ALL ROBOTS!
ROBOTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HURT HUMANS!
H-HEY!
HAHAHA!
VROOM!
UWAH!
LOOK OUT, SHIBUGAKI!
VRRROOOM
N-NO!!
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ATOM AFTER ALL.
EH?
UWAH!
EH?! IT'S DISAPPEARED BUT I SAW IT TURN THIS WAY...
I'VE NOT BEEN HERE BEFORE
ARE YOU SCARED, TANAO?
WHY DID YOU FOLLOW US SHIBUGAKI?
VRRROOOM!
HE HEHE!
OH NO, IT'S THE AIR BIKER GANG!
WHAT?!
TH-THAT WAS REALLY CLOSE!

ATOM
I'M GONNA STICK WITH YOU FROM NOW ON!
THAT WAS COOL!
Y YOU'RE AMAZING!
ATOM!!
FRIENDS WITH HUMANS ?
HOW ABSURD ...!
AARGH!
UGH!
WHOOSH
CLANK!
EEEH?!

Chapter 3

SAVING THE GARDEN

WELCOME TO MY ROBOT GARDEN! I GROW GIANT VEGETABLES HERE!

WOW, WHAT'S THIS?!

WHAT A HUGE TOMATO!!

HEY, GRANDPA!!

BOY, YOU'RE STRONG!

ARE YOU THE WORLD'S BEST SUPER ROBOT?

BUZZ...
WHY...
...WAS I CREATED?
CRACKLE
ゴゴゴゴ
?
GRANDPA!
LOOK OUT!
SNAKE!
SNAKE!
UWAH!
BANK!
グラッ
A STRANGE SOUND'S COMING FROM THE GROUND
OH NO, IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN!

FIVE YEARS AGO, RAINBOW VALLEY WAS BARREN.
MIMI, VEGETA AND I ...LTIVATED THE SOIL...
AND MANAGED TO GROW A TOMATO BIG ENOUGH FOR 100 PEOPLE
TO ME, VEGETA IS THE BEST ROBOT EVER!!
VEGETA AND ITS COMPANIONS KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE VEGETABLES HERE!
YES, MIMI
ガチャ
CLANK
IT'S GREAT WHEN HUMANS AND ROBOTS WORK TOGETHER.
♪YES!
BUT THERE ARE ROBOTS WHO ATTACK HUMANS TOO
MOMO HELPS YUKO WITH HER WORK.
ROBITA IS A HANDY

WE'VE SPENT FIVE YEARS ON THIS GARDEN.
TOMATOES.
AND POTATOES
EH, ME? BUT.
KATARI HAS BEEN WORKING HERE FOR ABOUT A YEAR.
WHO IS HE?
YOU ALWAYS MAKE YUMMY STEWS!
OKAY.
MIMI
LET'S MAKE A TASTY POT OF STEW WITH THESE VEGETABLES.
ALRIGHT, I'M GOING TO GIVE IT A TRY!
CRUNCH!
HE COOKS WELL AND ACTS LIKE AN ELDER BROTHER TO MIMI.

HEY, ATOM!
CLUNK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
?!
BAM!
HAH!
ELECTRICITY IS CREATED FROM THERMAL ENERGY IN THE GROUND
IT'S THE OBSERVATION TOWER AT THE RAINBOW BUILDING
ASEGAO TOWER?
COOL!
WHOA! THE RAIN'S CONFINED WITHIN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE TOWER!
I HEAR YOU ARE A GOOD ROBOT
ATOM!
THAT ABNORMAL WEATHER LASTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY
CAN'T YOU SOLVE THE PROBLEM FOR US?!
SHAAA
THANKS, ATOM.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE GROUND SHOOK SO BADLY
YOU MEAN IT SHAKES EVERY NOW AND THEN?
EVER SINCE YESTERDAY..
THERE'S BEEN SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE ASEGAO TOWER
AHH, THE SEEDLING

BANG BANG
KATARI BRO, OPEN UP!!
STEP ASIDE, MIMI
WATCH THIS, ROBOTS!
BEEP
BEEP
I USED TO BE A COOK
I WAS FIRED BECAUSE OF ROBOTS!
CRUNCH
ATOM...
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
CRASH

I CAN SEE WHAT'S INSIDE THE EQUIPMENT!
!!
SOMEONE'S BEEN MESSING WITH THE COMPUTER!
AH...!
ATOM IS ABLE TO SEE THROUGH THINGS WITH SEARCH EYE'
WHAT?!
BEEN DAMAGING THE CONTROLS IN THE TOWER
SOMEONE HAS
I LEFT KATARI IN CHARGE OF IT!!
BESIDES HIM, NO ONE ELSE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET IN THERE...
SHAKE
KATARI?!
SLAM

HEY, VEGETA! ROBOTS ALL ABOARD!
NO, I CAN'T LEAVE THE GARDEN!
RUMBLE
A HUGE LANDSLIDE IS COMING DOWN THE VALLEY!
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!!
MALFUNCTIONING AT A MOMENT LIKE THIS
THEY'RE NOT LISTENING?!
BOTH OF YOU, RUN!
NO, YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG!
LET'S PROTECT THE GARDEN!
VEGETA... FELLOW ROBOTS!
WHIRR
IF ONLY ROBOTS DIDN'T EXIST...
I'M GOING TO DESTROY ALL OF THEM!!
ROBOTS RUINED MY FUTURE
THEY CAN COOK A HUGE AMOUNT OF GOOD-TASTING DISHES AT ONE GO SO MY BOSS DECIDED TO EMPLOY THEM INSTEAD!
STOP!!
CRACK
HOWL
W-WHAT'S WITH THE STORM?
THERE'S GOING TO BE A LANDSLIDE!
IT'S TOO LATE THE TOWER IS MALFUNCTIONING
CRACK
ROBOT GARDEN WILL BE GONE WITHIN MINUTES JUST WAIT AND SEE!
RUMBLE RUMBLE

YES!! WE DID IT!
CRASH
WHAT?
?!
WHY IS IT COMING THIS WAY...?
UWAAAH!
SMASH
CRUSH!

THEY LOVE THE GARDEN .
...AS MUCH AS WE DO
THE VEGETA ROBOTS ARE MAKING A DAM.
CRASH
せっせ
せっせ
MOVE ASIDE, PLEASE!
THAT'S RIGHT! JUST HOLD ONTO THE DAM!
RUMBLE
IT'S HERE!

BLAST

...BECAUSE IT'S MY DUTY TO DO SO!
IT MUST BE...

AFTER WHAT I DID
WHY DID YOU SAVE ME?

HMM...
I WONDER WHY...?

URK.
ARE...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
CREAK

RUMBLE
QUICK! COME WITH ME!

...

RUMBLE
CRACK
HOLD ON TO ME!!
THE JET ON MY RIGHT LEG'S NOT WORKING!
H-HELP!
CLICK
CHARGING UP

VROOM
THAT AIR BIKE IS.
ATOM..
..YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT HUMANS ARE LIKE
WHY DO YOU STILL HELP THEM?
WHO ARE YOU?!
YOU'RE NOT HUMAN...?
I'M A ROBOT...
...CREATED TO DESTROY YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT!

I...ENT MADE STEW!
BIG BRO.
NOW FOR THE REPAIRS..
PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU, I UNDERSTAND NOW...
...THE REASON WHY I WAS CREATED!
VROOOM

Chapter 4
ATOM VS ATLAS
MY NAME IS ATLAS!
WHAT?!

BANG
!!
CLANG
UWAAAH!
KYAAH!!
THE ASEGAO TOWER!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! MIMI AND THE VEGETA ROBOTS HAVE BEEN DOING THEIR UTMOST TO PROTECT THAT GARDEN!!
SAITEK
I WAS
CREATED FOR CHAOS AND DESTRUCTION!
ATOM, I SHALL BLAST YOU TO SMITHEREENS!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
ATLAS!
TCH!
SWISH

IF I STAY HERE, THEY'LL GET HURT!
CRASH
KYAAAH!
BLAST
TRYING TO GET AWAY?!
WHOOSH
WHY ARE YOU ATTACKING PEOPLE?
ATLAS?
ARE YOU REALLY A ROBOT?
WAIT
AGAIN
THIS PLACE IS DESERTED..

HMPH! YOU'RE NEXT ON MY LIST!
SIDING WITH THE HUMANS?
CRACKLE
SHOOM
TAKE THAT!
BLAST!

HMPH!
"WHY"?
I HATE THE HUMANS WHO CONTROL US AND MAKE US THEIR SLAVES.
AND I HATE ALL THEIR MINIONS! AND THAT INCLUDES YOU!!
ROBOTS AND HUMANS ARE FRIENDS!
HOLD ON A SEC, ATLAS! YOU'RE WRONG!
CONTROL?
MINION?
HEH

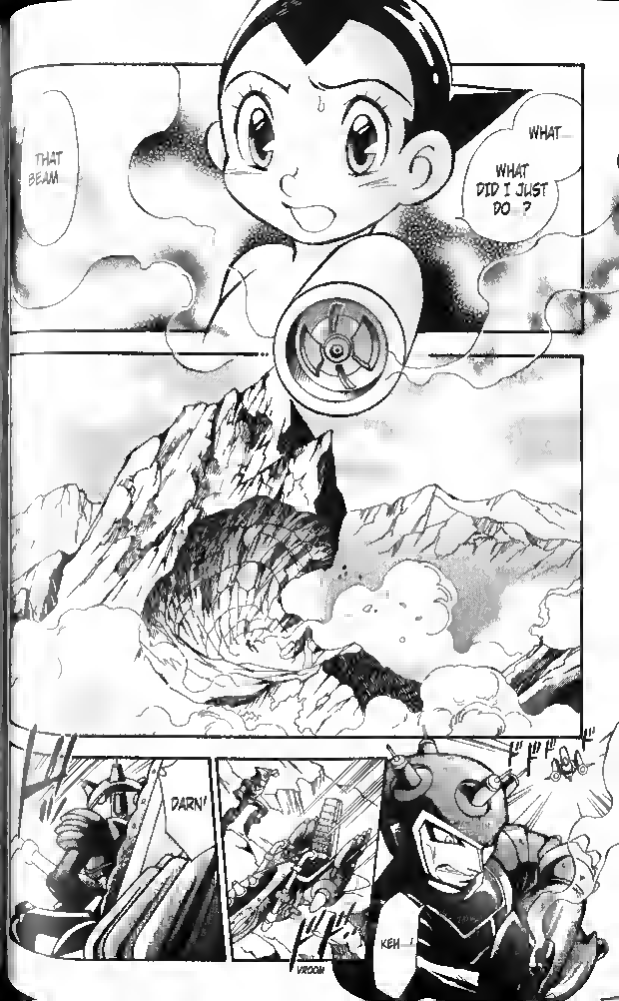
...TOY.
ATOM...
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, YOU ARE NOTHING BUT A CONVENIENT.
YOUR EXISTENCE IS MEANINGLESS!
UWAH!
ROOM
STOP IT!
...NOT CREATED TO FIGHT!!
I WAS.
HEY, YOU'RE NOT GIVING ME MUCH OF A CHALLENGE! WHY AREN'T YOU FIGHTING BACK?
GRADUAL
GRADUAL
YOU HAVE WEAPONS TOO, DON'T YOU?

I CAN'T PUSH BACK THE POWER BEAM...
MY JETS AREN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH...
BLAST
UUH...
UWAHH!
AREH
SWAP
HYAH!
HOW DARE YOU?!

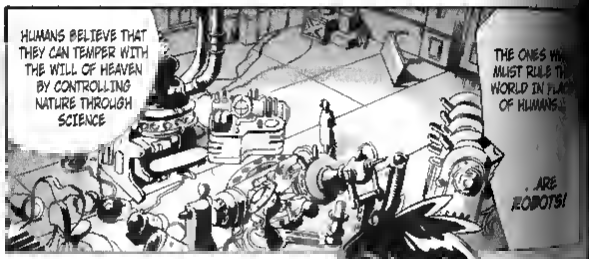
BLAM!
BANG
UARRGH!

SLAM
URK
I CAN'T GET UP!
I MUST GET UP AND FLY...!
CLICK
HUMPH!
YOU'RE JUST LIKE A BABY
IS THIS REALLY THE WORLD'S BEST SUPER ROBOT?
I NEED
GAME OVER, BOY!
...MORE POWER!!
COUREURS

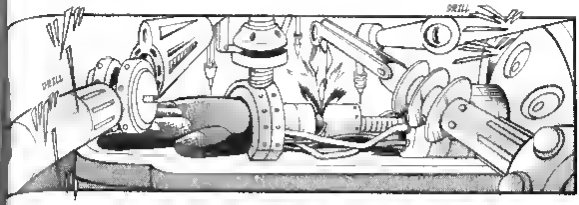
PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU!
ATOM?!
WAS THAT YOU?!
キィーン
PROFESSOR, WHAT'S THIS?!
I...
WHAT WAS I REALLY CREATED FOR?!
...


THAT BEAM
WHAT
WHAT DID I JUST DO ?
DARN!
VROOM
KEH

NEXT TIME I WON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
SHUT YER MOUTH AND FIX ME RIGHT NOW!!


HUMANS BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN TEMPER WITH THE WILL OF HEAVEN BY CONTROLLING NATURE THROUGH SCIENCE
THE ONES WHO MUST RULE THE WORLD IN PLACE OF HUMANS...
...ARE ROBOTS!

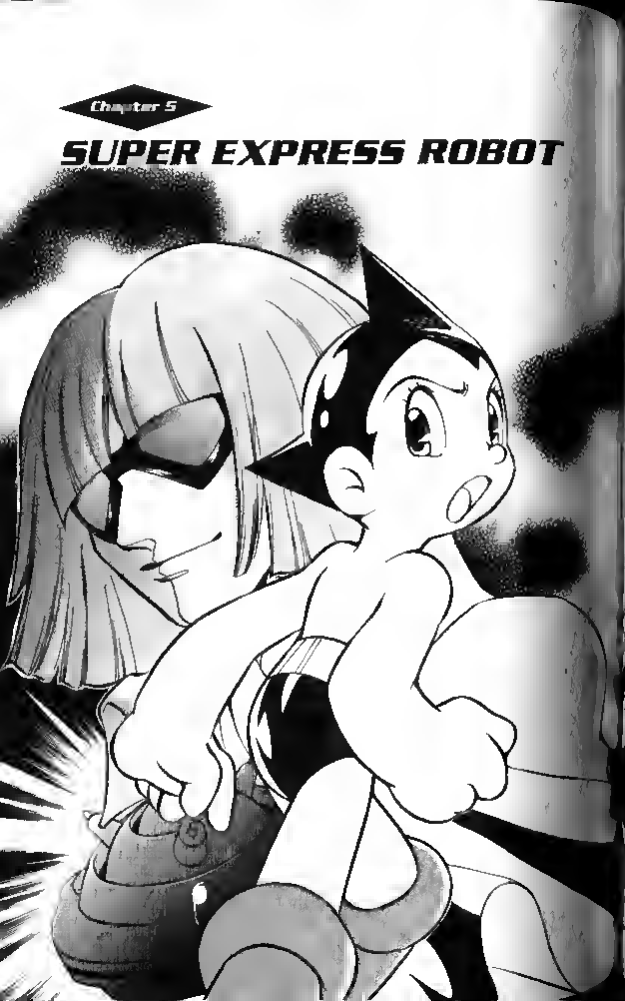
WHAT?
GASP!
I TOLD YOU TO SHUT UP
LET US BRING ABOUT THE AGE OF ROBOTS!!
WE MUST OVERCOME THE 'ULTIMATE ROBOT' THAT THE SCIENTISTS HAVE BUILT...
AND STRIKE FEAR INTO THE HEARTS OF MANKIND


DRILL
DRILL

YOU WERE DEFEATED IN THE END, ATLAS
I TOLD YOU NOT TO UNDERESTIMATE HIM.

Chapter 5

SUPER EXPRESS ROBOT

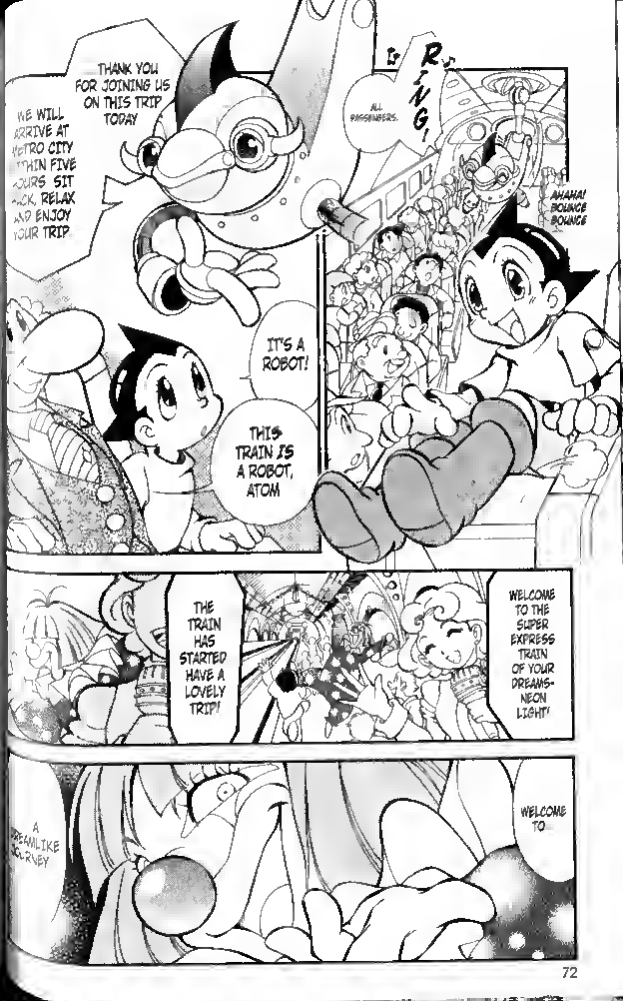


BUT IF YOU INSIST ON DOING SO REMEMBER THAT I CAN ALWAYS OVERPOWER YOU. FOR NOW, WE WORK TOGETHER
PROFESSOR TENMA, DON'T THINK YOU CAN CONTROL ME JUST BECAUSE YOU CREATED ME.
ONLY BECAUSE WE SHARE THE SAME SOULS.
HOW IMPERTINENT OF HIM!
HMPH.
I WILL DESTROY ATOM OF MY OWN FREE WILL
WHY DID HUMANS CREATE ROBOTS DESTINED TO DESTROY?

FLOWER CITY STATION
TODAY MARKS THE START OF THE BRAND NEW UNDERGROUND GEOLINE SERVICE!
COME TO FLOWER CITY STATION AND BE THE VERY FIRST PASSENGERS TO RIDE ABOARD NEON LIGHT! A CHANCE NOT TO BE MISSED!
WOW, THAT'S NEON LIGHT!
HURRY, PROFESSOR!

METRO CITY A CITY SET IN THE FUTURE
THE CHIEF OF MINISTRY OF SCIENCE PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU HAS CREATED A MIRACLE IN THE FORM OF A SUPER ROBOT WITH A HEART
HIS NAME IS ATOM!
ATOM HAS SEVEN SUPER POWERS THAT HE USES TO FIGHT ENEMIES AND TO PROTECT THE FUTURE OF BOTH HUMANS AND ROBOTS
WHAT EXCITING NEW EVENTS AWAIT US IN METRO CITY TODAY...?

HOP
HOP
HERE
INSTEAD, IT IS MOVING OF ITS OWN WILL.
THIS TRAIN DOES NOT DEPEND UPON PRE-PROGRAMMED INSTRUCTIONS.
WHOOSH
IN OTHER WORDS, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS...
...ITS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WILL SOLVE THE PROBLEM ON ITS OWN.
HOP
AH!
OH NO!
TRIP
SPLAT
OH MY..
IT'S ALL CLEAN NOW
SHUU
BLOW
WHERE
WHAT?
THIS IS A VERY EXPENSIVE DRESS, YOUNG LADY!


THANK YOU FOR JOINING US ON THIS TRIP TODAY
WE WILL ARRIVE AT METRO CITY WITHIN FIVE HOURS SIT BACK, RELAX AND ENJOY YOUR TRIP
IT'S A ROBOT!
THIS TRAIN IS A ROBOT, ATOM
RING!
ALL PASSENGERS.
AHAHA! BOUNCE BOUNCE
THE TRAIN HAS STARTED HAVE A LOVELY TRIP!
WELCOME TO THE SUPER EXPRESS TRAIN OF YOUR DREAMS- NEON LIGHT!
A DREAMLIKE JOURNEY
WELCOME TO

KATO? WHO'S THAT?
THAT'S RIGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE WHAT I DID.
YOU'RE NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THE MINISTRY...
WHAT DO YOU WANT, DOCTOR KATO?!
H.S HEARING IS 10,000 TIMES BETTER THAN A HUMAN'S
SO I'M GOING TO USE THIS TRAIN TO TEST MY ABILITIES AND SHOW YOU THAT YOU'VE UNDERESTIMATED ME!
IT'S SET TO EXPLODE ONCE THE TRAIN IS INSIDE THE TUNNEL. HEHEHE!
THERE'S A BOMB IN THE UNDERGROUND TUNNEL RIGHT UP AHEAD...
B-BOMB?!
THERE ARE ABOUT 500 PEOPLE ON THIS TRAIN!
REALLY?!
ZAAA!

MUMBLE
AH. THIS FEELS SO COMFY.
THANK YOU, NEON!
EH, A CALL?
IS IT YUKO?
PROFESSOR
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE LAST MET CHIEF
WOW, IT SURE IS FAST!
THIS IS AMAZING PROFESSOR!
ATOM, YOU CAN FLY FASTER THAN NEON LIGHT, YOU KNOW
BUT THIS IS MORE FUN.

NO
NO
KATO USED TO BE A SCIENTIST.
DOES THAT MEAN HE'S A SQUID? HE DOES LOOK A BIT LIKE ONE TOO.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
SSO KAWA.
DARN IT, KATO'S GOT SQUID FOR BRAINS!
THE TUNNEL!!
680.
670.
...
HE WANTED TO...
...DESTROY HUMANS?!
HE THOUGHT ONLY OF CAUSING DESTRUCTION
HE WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN MAKING WEAPONS SO HE WAS FIRED
THAT'S RIGHT
WHOOSH
BOOM
THE GREATER THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS THE GREATER THE IMPACT! I'M GLAD TO KNOW HOW POWERFUL I AM!
THAT'S WONDERFUL!
RUMBLE RUMBLE
NEON LIGHT, WE'RE IN TROUBLE!
TALK LATER, ATOM! WE HAVE TO STOP THE TRAIN FIRST!
OPEN
OI, KATO!!
PROFESSOR THERE'S A BOMB?!
WHOOSH
BUT I AM UNABLE TO STOP IN TIME, EVEN IF I APPLY THE BRAKES RIGHT NOW!
I HEAR YOU, PROFESSOR
THERE'S A BOMB IN THE TUNNEL! YOU HAVE TO STOP NOW!
INSTEAD, I SHALL INCREASE MY SPEED IN ORDER TO BEAT THE BOMB!!
BEEP
STEP
550
570
580

WHA..
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
WE CAN PROGRESS ONLY THROUGH DESTRUCTION!
HE HE HE
DESTRUCTION IS AN ART! DESTROY THE OLD AND CREATE THE NEW!
AH..!
OH NO!
NEON LIGHT, DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO STOP THE PASSENGERS FROM PANICKING!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, ATOM!
ROGER
PROFESSOR, I'LL GO LOOK FOR THE BOMB OUTSIDE!
PANIC
THERE'S A BOMB ON THE TRAIN!!
A BOMB?!

YOU DID IT, NEON LIGHT!!
I HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT'S THAT LIGHT?
THE PASSENGERS DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING ..MISS
CLICK
KATO? IT'S YOU AGAIN? TOO BAD THE TRAIN IS SAFE
I PLANNED FOR THE SPEED TO INCREASE
NOW THE REAL SHOW BEGINS
THERE'S A BOMB ON THIS TRAIN IT WILL BLOW ONCE THE SPEED DROPS BELOW 100KM/H
WHAT?!
WHAT'S WRONG ?
JUST NOW SOMETHING TRIPPED A SWITCH INSIDE MY MECHANISMS
RUMBLE

COME ON!
TICK TICK TICK
MY HAND'S NOT STEADY ENOUGH...
THE WIND PRESSURE IS TOO HIGH
SLAP
IF WE TRAVEL AT 700KM/H AND ABOVE, WE WILL DERAIL!
THERE'S A BEND AHEAD OF US
HUH?
IT'S GONNA BLOW!!
MAINTAIN THE SPEED!
!
KEEP IT ABOVE 700KM/H!
I'LL FLANK YOU!

NEON LIGHT IS TELLING US NOT TO WORRY
IT'S A ROBOT BAND!
OPEN UP!
HUH? MUSIC?
I DON'T WANNA DIE HERE!
LET ME OUT!
DARN IT! I HAVE TO FIND IT SOON OR...
NOT HERE.
EVERY ONE WILL
WHERE CAN IT BE?
GOOD! REMOVE IT FROM THE TRAIN!
I'LL TRY!
IT'S HIDDEN INSIDE THE FRONT LIGHTS!
I'VE FOUND IT PROFESSOR!
BEEP!
BEEP!
HUH?

TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE
PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZ... A BOMB? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
THE RESCUE TRAIN IS ON ITS WAY
PLEASE HELP US EVACUATE THE PASSENGERS!
ROGER!
EVERY-ONE
THE RESCUE TRAIN IS ON THE WAY
ONCE IT ARRIVES, PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS TO ALIGHT!
OVER THERE! LOOK!
THE RESCUE TRAIN!
WHERE IS IT?
W-WHAT?!
HEY! IT CAN'T CATCH UP WITH US!
WOOSH
UWAH!
HUH?
IT CAN'T POSSIBLY MATCH NEON LIGHT'S SPEED!
ITS HIGHEST SPEED IS 650 KM/H
!!
CLANK

SCREEECH
ARGH!
BATTLE
SCISSSSS
WOW!
KYAAAH!!
HWAAAH!
WE'RE SAFE FOR NOW
THANKS ATOM.
WHEW
I WONDER IT'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT
BUT I'VE USED UP A LOT OF ENERGY

WOOHOO! WE'VE CAUGHT UP WITH NEON LIGHT!
EOL
WHOOSH
ATOM, I'M DECREASING MY SPEED.
EH?! WHY?!
I'LL BE REACHING MY DESTINATION SOON.
THE TRACK'S ABOUT TO END, SO I'LL HAVE TO STOP.
I HAVE TO GET RID OF THE BOMB SOON...
ATOM...
I'LL GO HELP NEON LIGHT
MY ENERGY IS RUNNING LOW!

IT'S ATOM!
URK!
THE ROBOT...
YOU CAN'T PROFESSOR!
I'LL STAY BEHIND
NYAAH!
OUTTA THE WAY!
CLANK!
THE HATCH IS SECURED!
DON'T PUSH! DON'T RUN!
LET ME GO FIRST!
CALM DOWN!
RUSH
HYAHAH!

I'VE GOT TO KEEP FLYING AT 700KM/H TILL I'M FAR AWAY FROM HERE!
METRO CITY STATION!!
THANKS ATOM!
I'VE GOT TO HURL IT SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY SOMEWHERE SAFE
NOO!! I WON'T LOSE TO THAT EVIL SQUIDY FACE!!
MY SPEED IS DECREASING?!
703
702
701
?!
MY ENERGY'S RUNNING OUT!!
IF IT EXPLODES HERE...
MANY PEOPLE WILL GET HURT
THE GREATER THE IMPACT!
THE GREATER THE NUCLEAR OBVIOUSLY...
HAHAHA

705
704
ATOM, YOU SHOULD LEAVE TOO
IN ORDER TO AVOID HURTING THE PEOPLE AT THE STATION, IT'S BETTER TO LET THE BOMB EXPLODE OUT HERE
709
701
NEON LIGHT...
I'VE GOT THE BOMB!!
WHOOSH
WE ROBOTS HAVE TO DO OUR DUTY TILL THE END!
THAT WON'T DO!!
...
!
ATOM?

SINCE YOU'RE SO CUTE, I'LL GIVE THIS TO YOU
HEH, WHAT A STUBBORN ROBOT!
...IT'S YOU.
LOOKS LIKE MY REAL ENEMY ISN'T THE PROFESSOR, ATOM...
...THE FLAWS IN A PERSON'S HEART?
BUT HOW DO WE MEND DAMAGED ROBOTS CAN BE REPAIRED.
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
WOW! IT'S NEON!

WATCH THIS!
KYAH!
TWINGLE
KLANK

CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
Chapter 6
A CUTE SISTER
MMM. SMELLS YUMMY...!
OH NO! I'VE OVERSLEPT!!
DASHES
GOOD MORNING

OOOH... DELICIOUS!!!
THERE'S NO SCHOOL TODAY...
..SO I MADE THIS AFTER ANALYSING WHAT YOU LIKE..
DID YOU COOK THIS?
HAVE A SAFE TRIP!
OH! SORRY ATOM, I HAVE TO GO NOW!
YOU'RE LATE, PROFESSOR!
OH, I KNOW! I'LL GO VISIT KEN!
HOLIDAYS ARE SO BORING...
WHAT NOW?
I MADE THIS FOR THE PROFESSOR, BUT HE HAD NO TIME TO EAT IT...

I WANT TO INTRODUCE SOMEONE TO YOU.
WHAT IS IT, PROFESSOR?
SHE'S OVER HERE.
COME ON...
HEY, ATOM, OVER HERE!
THIS IS MY SECOND TIME HERE...
TAP TAP TAP
?
HUSTLE
HUSTLE
CAN IT MAKE THE EVENING NEWS?
THUD
THUD

I'M SORRY, WE'RE GOING SHOPPING RIGHT NOW SO...
SOME OTHER TIME, OKAY?
KEN, LET'S PLAY!
YO, ATOM!
I WANT A "FAMILY" TO PLAY WITH TOO.
AH, HOW NICE...
ATOM!
COME TO THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AT ONCE!
HI, PROFESSOR!
IT'S NOT QUITE THE SAME...
I'M HERE, AREN'T I?
LOOK, LOOK!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LET ME JOIN IN
ALRIGHT, COME HERE
HAHA.
THANK YOU, PROFESSOR.
YAY! YAY!
THIS IS THE WAY YOU GREET SOMEONE.
LIKE THIS?
STOP URAN! YOU CAN'T DO THAT TO THE PROFESSOR!
HEY!
HEY! HEY!
SPIN SPIN
WHEE!! YIPPEE!
THIS IS FUN!
ペちっ
SLAP
R-RIGHT- I'M HER BROTHER, SO I'M GOING TO TEACH HER!
SHE WAS BORN JUST MOMENTS AGO, SO SHE KNOWS NOTHING..

WHO ARE YOU?!
WHO
I AM URAN...
...ATOM'S SISTER!
YAY!
I HAVE A FAMILY NOW!
ACTUALLY, I'VE BEEN WORKING ON HER IN SECRET
EH..?

DOES IT MATTER?
YOU HAVE A LOT OF PRETTY CLOTHES WHICH DO YOU WANT TO WEAR?
I DON'T NEED TO WEAR ANYTHING!
NO, YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
LOOK, YOU'VE MADE YOUR CLOTHES DIRTY
HMM.
HERE'S A LIST
MAKE SURE IT'S NOT BORING!
ROBITA! TEACH ME SOMETHING FUN!
WHAT A STRANGE SISTER.
BUT...
COS I'M HER BROTHER!
I HAVE TO TEACH HER PATIENTLY.
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK

YAY, NOW IT'S PLAYTIME FOR ME!
BUT HE DID SO MANY THINGS HE SHOULDN'T
I FEEL SORRY FOR BROTHER ATOM.
METRO DEPARTMENT STORE
WHERE IS THIS PLACE?
METRO DEPARTMENT STORE ?
URAN! IT'S DANGEROUS TO RUN OUT BY YOURSELF!
PET SHOP
TOY SHOP
WOW, IT LOOKS LIKE FUN!
PEOPLE KEEP PETS BECAUSE THEY'RE SO ADORABLE
SQUAWK
PET?
IT'S NOT A TOY SHOP, IT'S A PET SHOP.
LOOK BROTHER, THERE ARE LOTS OF TOYS HERE!
THAT'S ROBITA'S JOB
CLEAN IT UP!
BUT YOU MADE THE MESS!
U...
CRASH
SMASH
STOMP
I DON'T LIKE YOU IT'S BETTER FOR ME TO BE ALONE
LET'S NOT BE SIBLINGS FROM NOW ON
URAN! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LISTEN TO YOUR BROTHER!
HMM. THAT'S STRANGE I CREATED HER THE SAME WAY I CREATED ATOM.
I'M NOT FIT TO BE A BROTHER
WHAT?
IT'S LIKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOU AND PROFESSOR TENMA.

URAN ONLY WANTED TO PLAY WITH IT.
I'M REALLY SORRY.
MY DOG HAS ESCAPED! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?!
PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB THE ANIMALS. ~ SHOPKEEPER
NOO!
WE'LL DEFINITELY GET IT BACK FOR YOU
WAIT, PUPPY!
IT WENT UP THERE
WOOF WOOF WOOF
キャア
KYAAH!
キャア
キャア
WAIT, DASH!

A DOG.
WHAT'S THAT?
IT LOOKS KINDA LONELY.
MUM!
MAMA, I WANT ONE TOO!
PAPA, BUY THEM FOR US!
SO DOGS HAVE BECOME LESS POPULAR
DOGS USED TO BE POPULAR AS PETS, BUT SPACE PETS ARE ALL THE RAGE NOW...
LET'S PLAY TOMORROW.
HEY.
WHY ARE YOU IN THERE?
OPEN
HEY..
URAN?!
I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THEY GET TIRED OF ROBOTS ?
KEK!
HUMANS ARE SO FICKLE

THAT ROBOT GIRL SAVED US
ARE YOU OKAY?
ALRIGHT!
WHAT?
THANK YOU!
TREMBLE
PUPPY!
IT'S ALRIGHT NOW
SHE MAY BE A LITTLE (?) MISCHIEVOUS BUT SHE IS KIND.
THAT'S MY SISTER, URAN
WOW, YOU'RE SO CUTE
YUP!
ATOM'S SISTER? SHE'S GREAT!

OH NO!
HEY!
WHAT'S WITH THIS DOG?
?!
HELP!
THE RIDE'S OUT OF CONTROL!
AH! KEN!!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!!
THE PUPPY'S HANGING ONTO THE RIDE!
URAN?! COME BACK!!

Chapter 7

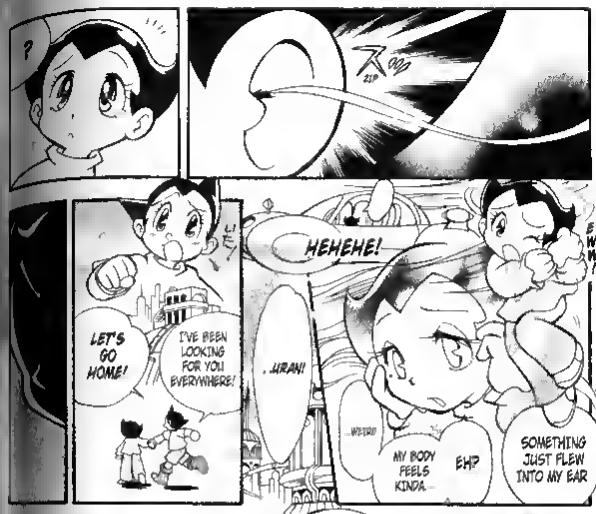
URAN'S IN TROUBLE

IT'S ALRIGHT, ATOM, LET HER JOIN IN.
YAY! SHIBUSAKI'S GREAT!
YOU'RE JUST BEING SELFISH!
I KNOW HOW TO PLAY!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? NO MEANS NO
GO!
READY
GET READY!
KICK
OOF!
WHOOSH
BIFF

KEN, NICE PASS!
KICK
BROTHER ATOM, URAN WANTS TO PLAY TOO!
EH?! YOU CAN'T!
YOU DON'T KNOW THE RULES!
I'M A NEWER MODEL...
...SO I'M A BETTER ROBOT THAN YOU, BROTHER!
BUT I DO!

I DON'T WANT A SISTER LIKE YOU EITHER!
I...
ELEH
I HATE BROTHER ATOM!
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS PICKING ON ME?
SHE MIGHT BE USEFUL TO ME .. HEHEHE..!
SO THAT'S ATOM'S SISTER, URAN
I'M GOING TO RUN AWAY FROM HOME!
I'LL GO MAKE MY MUSICAL DEBUT!
THAT'S RIGHT! I'LL BE FAMOUS AND MAKE MY BROTHER FEEL LONELY WITHOUT ME!
PLEH?!
URAN!
WOW!
URAN, COME BACK!
VROOM
PPPT
...
...URAN!!
...?
WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?!
WHEN WE PLAY WITH HUMANS, WE MUST BE CAREFUL!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! WE ARE ROBOTS!
BAM
BEHAVE YOURSELF!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOUT AT ME LIKE THAT!
WHA..
WHAT?
I'M YOUR SIS!

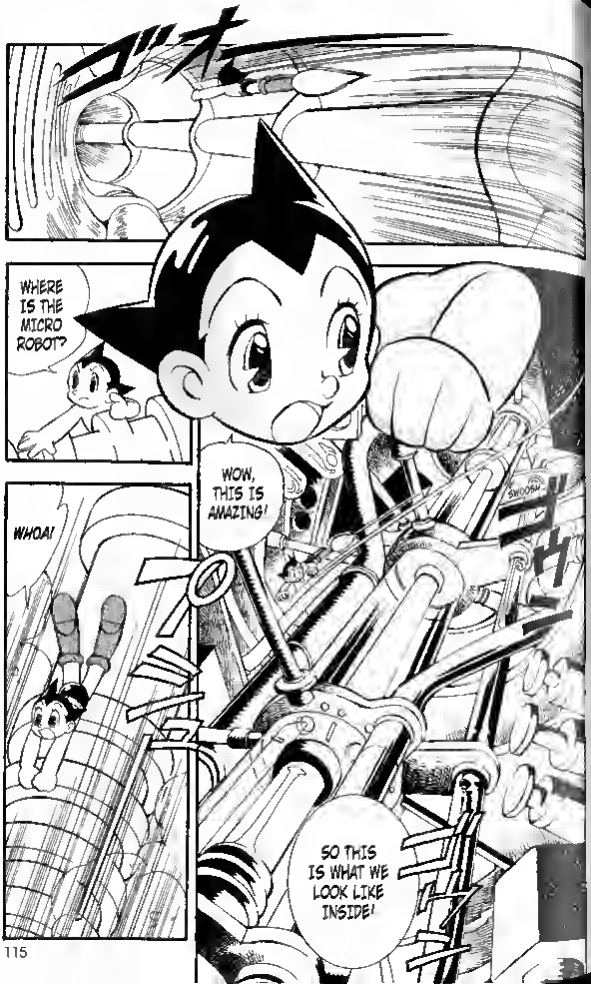
HMM. A FOREIGN OBJECT HAS ENTERED URAN'S BODY
PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU
THAT'S WHY SHE'S MAL-FUNCTIONED..
WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN?!
THERE'S A TINY ROBOT WITHIN HER, AND IT'S ATTACKING HER SYSTEM!
THIS IS A ROBOT
I CAN'T...
HURRY UP AND TAKE IT OUT PROFESSOR
NOT WITHOUT TAKING HER APART.
I DON'T WANT YOU TO FORGET ME!
URAN! URAN, HANG IN THERE!


?
ZIP
LET'S GO HOME!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU EVERYWHERE!
URAN!
HEHEHE!
EWW!
WEIRD
MY BODY FEELS KINDA...
EH?
SOMETHING JUST FLEW INTO MY EAR

WHO ARE YOU?

RIGHT HERE...
I'M GOING TO SCAN YOUR BODY
CLANK
TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES.
GET INTO THE TANK
WOW, THAT'S TERRIFIC TECHNOLOGY.
I'M CREATING ATOM'S CLONE.
NOW, GO INTO URAN'S BODY AND DESTROY THE MICRO ROBOT.
YOU CONTROL YOUR CLONE'S MOVEMENTS
ROGER!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
BANG
?!
THAT'S WHAT YOUR CLONE CAN SEE.
THE SCREEN

YOU CAN SAVE URAN WITH MY TECHNOLOGY.
GREETINGS! I AM PROFESSOR MINI MINI
AHEM!
THAT'S TERRIBLE! ISN'T THERE ANY OTHER WAY?!
TAKE HER APART!
AH... YOU'RE FROM THE LOLITECH INDUSTRY.
STOMP
STOMP
HOHO... AND YOU MUST BE ATOM?
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
RUSTLE
HEY, TANK! COME IN!
QUICK, TELL ME HOW TO SAVE URAN!


WHERE IS THE MICRO ROBOT?
WOW, THIS IS AMAZING!
WHOA!
SWOOSH
SO THIS IS WHAT WE LOOK LIKE INSIDE!

URAN, HANG ON I'LL SAVE YOU!
HMM.
WOW, URAN LOOKS SO BIG!
MMM...
WHOA!!
ROLLS
ROLLS
HERE I GO!!
HERE'S HER EAR.
URAN'S SLEEPING, SO BE CAREFUL.
ATOM, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
WHAT A SHOCK
?
WELL, I CERTAINLY HOPE THINGS WILL GO WELL..
HEHE THINGS ARE GOING WELL

CRACKLE
SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN MESSING AROUND WITH URAN'S SYSTEM.
UGH!
STRUGGLE
HE HEH
I'M GOING TO EAT YOU UP, ATOM!
WHIRR
CLICK
TRY EATING THIS! ATOM CANNON!
BOOM

HUH?
ROLL
ROLL
WHOOPS!!
THAT WAS CLOSE!
WHEW
A POWERFUL PUMP THAT SENDS ENERGY THROUGHOUT HER BODY...
THIS IS THE ENERGY BLOCK.
THAT'S URAN'S HEART!
BADUMP BADUMP

!!

AHAH!
WHIRR
HAH! WHERE ARE YOU GOING SQUIRT! I'M HERE!
BLAST
WHOA!
WHIRR
STOMP
THIS IS URAN'S HEART! IF YOU SHOOT, SHE'LL EXPLODE.
ARRGH!!
I'M GOING TO DESTROY BOTH OF YOU!
I WON'T LET YOU GET YOUR WAY!!
URGH
IF THIS GOES ON URAN WILL

SWIP
BANG
ARGH!
OH NO! I'M INSIDE URAN RIGHT NOW.
I MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO DAMAGE HER...!
COME BACK HERE!
WHIRR
WHIRR
HEHEH... THERE YOU ARE...!

URAN, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
URAN!
THAT IS...
...URAN'S BRAIN!
URAAAAAN!

CLANK
ATOM!
CAN YOU HEAR ME, ATOM?
YOUR BODY HAS BEEN STOLEN!
MINI'S MADE OFF WITH THE TANK!
STOMP
NUHAHA! I HAVE ATOM'S BODY NOW!
THAT'S PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU'S VOICE!
THIS IS ALL A TRAP SET BY PROFESSOR MINI MINI
COME BACK, ATOM!
DARN, I MUST DO SOMETHING...!
THAT'S IT!
KICK
HEY!

HYAH!
T-THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! URAN'S MOVING..?
HUP
スウウーン
CRASH
くしゃ!
NOOO!
AH...
AAAH...!

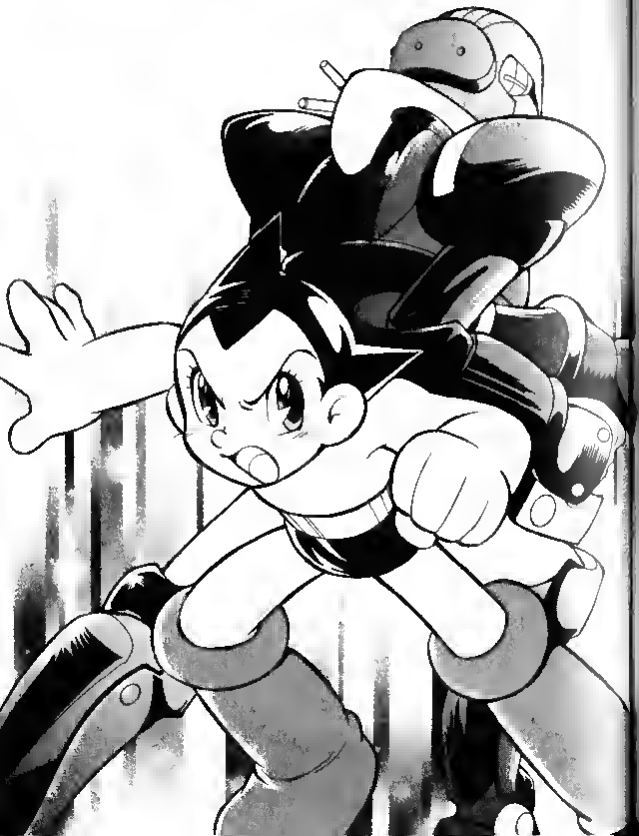
LEND ME YOUR MIND FOR A WHILE.
URAN!
ATOM
BROTHER
...
WHAT?
?
WOBBLE
AND THEN I'LL CREATE A ROBOT AS STRONG AS ATOM
STOMP
I'M GOING TO ANALYSE THIS IN GREAT DETAIL.
STOMP

URAN!
BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE SAME BRAIN STRUCTURE, THEY'RE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM
SHE'S NOT AS POWERFUL AS ATOM BUT.
URAN WAS CREATED BASED ON ATOM'S DATA...
SHAAA
I'M SORRY TOO.
I LOVE BROTHER ATOM!
I'M SORRY FOR THE TERRIBLE THINGS I SAID EARLIER
I WAS SO WORRIED...
STOP IT!
REDHOT STAR AUDITION
I WANNA BE A SINGER!
I'M GOING FOR AN AUDITION RIGHT NOW!

SPIN
NOW I CAN FINISH YOU OFF WITH ATOM CANNON!!
TAKE THAT!
BLAST
GYAAAH!

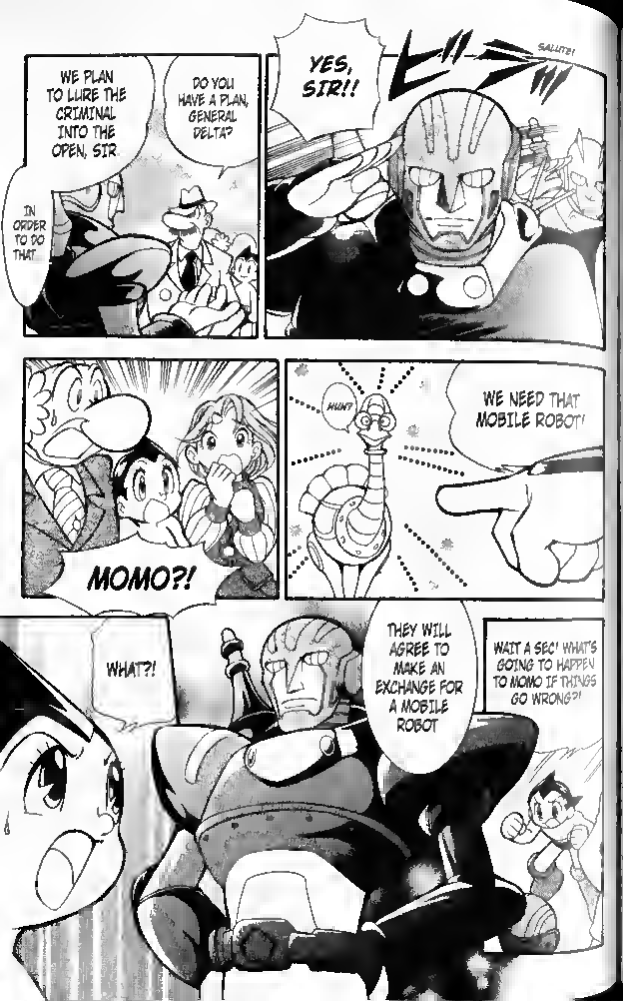
Chapter 8

ROBOT KIDNAPPER



WE'VE BOUGHT EVEN MORE STUFF
ROBITA, SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
ROBITA?
AAAHHH!
ROBITA!
ROBITA, WHERE ARE YOU?!
TO DEAL WITH THE SPATE OF KIDNAPPINGS.
METRO CITY POLICE
.. ANOTHER ROBOT WENT MISSING AT METRO MART YESTERDAY!
THIS IS THE 100TH ROBOT KIDNAPPING CASE SO FAR..

ROBITA, SHOPPING IS SO FUN!
Y-
YES!
WE CAME TO BUY WASHING DETERGENT, BUT WE ENDED UP BUYING SO MANY OTHER THINGS
OH NO! WE LEFT SOMETHING AT THE REGISTER!
EH?!
I'M COMING WITH YOU.
ROBITA, WAIT HERE
OKAY.
EH? WHY IS IT SO DARK ALL OF A SUDDEN.
AREN'T THEY HERE YET?
THEY'RE TAKING SO LONG.
CONK!
I WANT TO GO HOME SOON
CARPARK


WE PLAN TO LURE THE CRIMINAL INTO THE OPEN, SIR
DO YOU HAVE A PLAN, GENERAL DELTA?
IN ORDER TO DO THAT...
YES, SIR!!
SALUTE!
MOMO?!
HUH?
WE NEED THAT MOBILE ROBOT!
WHAT?!
THEY WILL AGREE TO MAKE AN EXCHANGE FOR A MOBILE ROBOT
WAIT A SEC! WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO MOMO IF THINGS GO WRONG?!

...THE POLICE HAVE SET UP A BRAND NEW SPECIAL ROBOT SQUAD CALLED ARRS!
FOR EACH KIDNAPPING CASE, GIANT FOOTPRINTS HAVE BEEN FOUND AT THE CRIME SCENE
YOU HAVE ONE DAY TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY AND NAB THE CRIMINAL!
I'M MERELY FOLLOWING ORDERS...
INSPECTOR TAWASHI, YOU'VE FINALLY ACKNOWLEDGED ROBOTS
THEY LOOK REALLY POWERFUL
CLAP

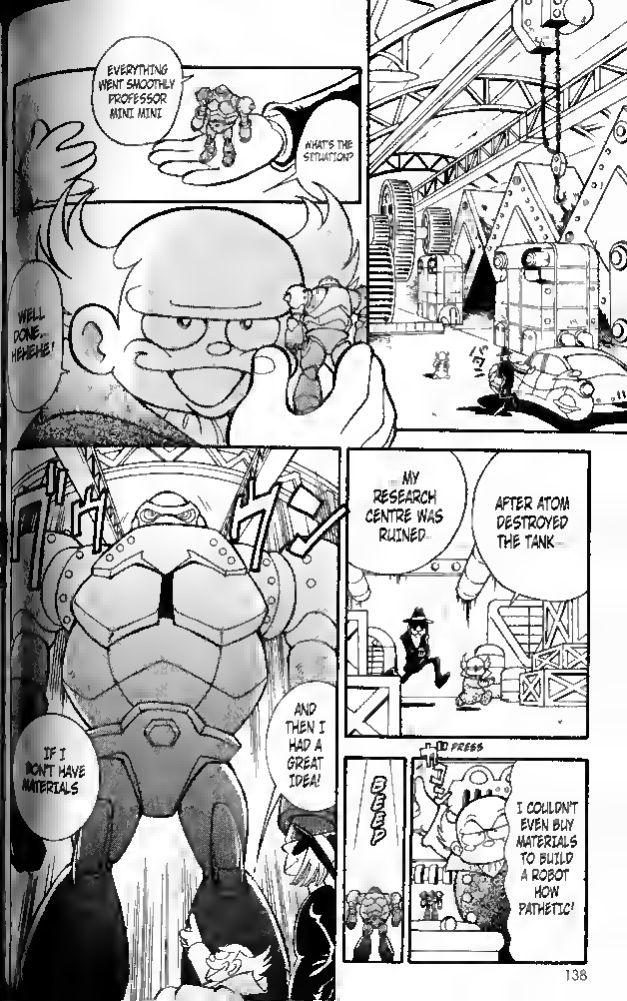
ARRS HAS TO FIND THE CULPRIT BEFORE ATOM DOES
YES, SIR!
HE'S NOT A MEMBER OF THE POLICE FORCE
AND YET HE WANTS TO INTERFERE!
A ROBOT CREATED TO CATCH CRIMINALS
HE'S WAY TOO DEVOTED TO HIS DUTY
I WANT TO FIND AND RESCUE ROBITA TOO
DELTA'S SO STUBBORN...
BUT I...
KEW-PID!
WHISPER
IT'S FOR CAMOUFLAGE
NOTHING FISHY SO FAR.
RE-PORT...
WHAT'S WITH THAT OUTFIT?
ATOM?! WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
BY...USS ME.
BUT IT'S BEST TO LEAVE OUT PERSONAL FEELINGS DURING WORK.
IT'S TRUE THAT I HAVE A HEART...
WHY ARE YOU SO COLD TOWARDS ROBOTS?!
DELTA! YOU HAVE A HEART TOO, DON'T YOU?!
OUR PRIORITY LIES IN CATCHING THE CULPRIT!
I'LL CATCH THE CRIMINAL INSTEAD!!
AND YOU'RE WILLING TO SACRIFICE ROBOTS FOR THAT GOAL?

FIRE!
HALT! ROBOT KIDNAPPER, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
!!
GET LOST!
STOP!!
PLEASE STOP! MOMO'S IN THERE!

NO WAY!
WHAT DID YOU SAY? YOU'RE INTERFERING WITH OUR WORK. GO HOME!
WEARING THAT MAKES YOU EVEN EASIER TO SPOT
WHOOSH
CLANK!
?!
MOMO'S..!
LET GO!
WE NEED PROOF BEFORE WE RAID IT.
WHEN DID IT GET HERE?!
NOW!
CLANK

D-DELTA, WAIT!
A SUSPICIOUS CAR!
AFTER IT!
OUCH!
?!
OH NO, I MUST HAVE DAMAGED MY JETS WHEN I FELL DOWN.
FUH FUH
DARN IT! I'LL JUST HAVE TO RUN!
!
YOU'RE NOT HELPING!
FOOL!
HOW DID... SUCH A HUGE ROBOT DISAPPEAR INTO THIN AIR?!
WHY IS THERE AN AIR CAR HERE?
RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES TOO...
HUH?
CAPTAIN, THE CULPRIT'S ESCAPED!
WHAT?!

AHA! THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH
I CAN ALWAYS GET THEM...
...FROM ROBOTS WANDERING ABOUT THE AREA.
H-HELP!
ULP.
UWAH!
EEK!
I'M SWITCHING ON THE DISASSEMBLE MACHINE
DON'T WORRY, I'LL MAKE GOOD USE OF YOUR BODY PARTS!
THIS TIME, I'LL MAKE A GIANT ROBOT IN ORDER TO DESTROY ATOM!
I KEPT TRYING TO MAKE SMALL ROBOTS IN THE PAST BUT I ALWAYS FAILED
!!
W-WHO'S THERE?!
MY MACHINERY'S DAMAGED AGAIN..!
BOOM
UWAH!


EVERYTHING WENT SMOOTHLY PROFESSOR MINI MINI
WHAT'S THE SITUATION?
WELL DONE... HEHEHE!
IF I DON'T HAVE MATERIALS
AND THEN I HAD A GREAT IDEA!
...MY RESEARCH CENTRE WAS RUINED...
AFTER ATOM DESTROYED THE TANK...
PRESS
BEEP
I COULDN'T EVEN BUY MATERIALS TO BUILD A ROBOT HOW PATHETIC!

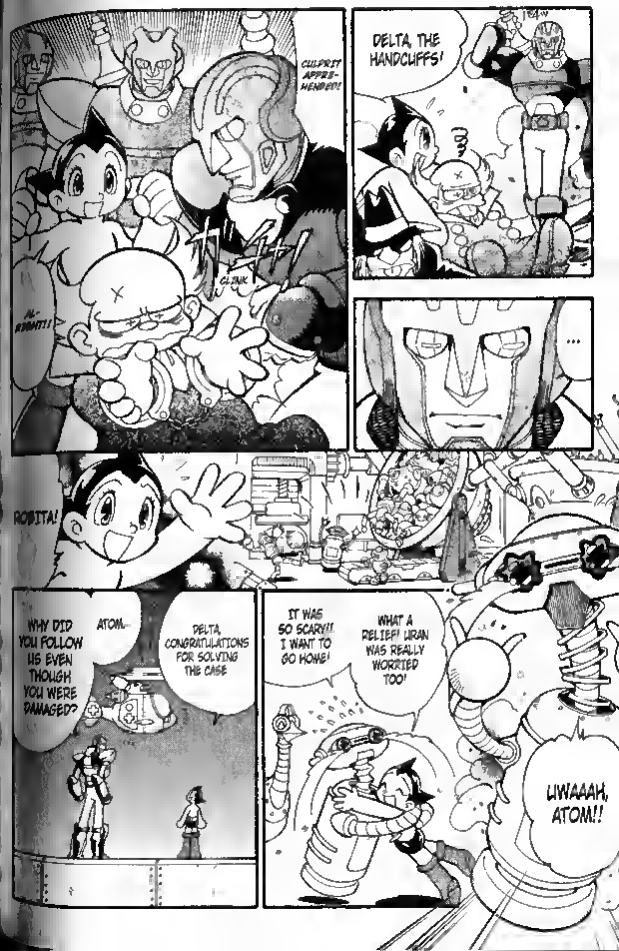
I REFUSE TO BE DEFEATED!
BUT I CAN'T FLY STRAIGHT TO THE SOURCE NOW.
I CAN FOLLOW THEM FROM THE SOUND
UWAH!
LET GO!
THIS WAS ORIGINALLY AN ICE-CREAM FACTORY
SNICKER
YOU'RE SO MUCH CUTER THIS WAY
D-DARN YOU!!
CLUNK
THIS MACHINE TURNS MILK INTO SOFT CREAM.
TOSS

METRO CITY POLICE.
...ARRS!
YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR KIDNAPPING ROBOTS
PRO-FESSOR MINI MINI
KEH!
CLICK
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME!
JUST TRY IT, GREENHORN!
ZAP
WH-WHAT IS THIS LIGHT.?
OH NO!!

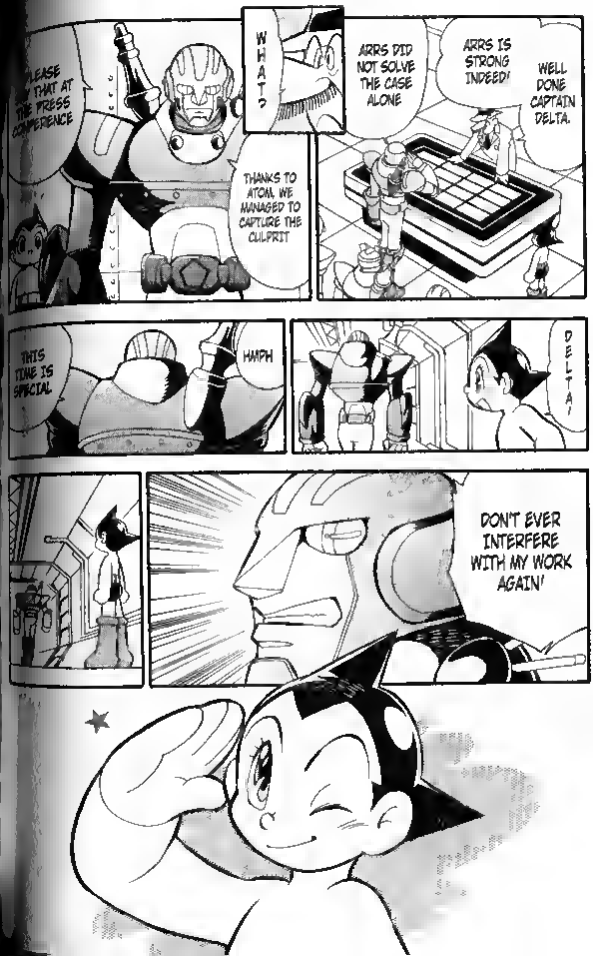
ARGH!
CRASH

GET THEM!
I CAN'T FLY BECAUSE MY JETS ARE DAMAGED.
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING SLOWCOACH?
CAPTAIN!
CRUSH
URGH!
ACK!
HUH?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, DELTA?!

...BUT I WANTED TO CATCH THE CULPRIT TOO, JUST LIKE YOU.
DELTA, WE WERE CREATED FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT
I'LL WALK HOME LATER.
HURRY, REPORT TO THE POLICE.
EVERYONE, BACK TO BASE!


CULPRIT APPREHENDED!!
CLANK
AL-RIGHT!!
DELTA, THE HANDCUFFS!
...
ROBITA!
WHY DID YOU FOLLOW US EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE DAMAGED?
ATOM...
DELTA, CONGRATULATIONS FOR SOLVING THE CASE
IT WAS SO SCARY!! I WANT TO GO HOME!
WHAT A RELIEF! URAN WAS REALLY WORRIED TOO!
UWAAAH, ATOM!!

Chapter 3
INVISIBLE ROBOT


PLEASE SAY THAT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE
WHAT?
THANKS TO ATOM, WE MANAGED TO CAPTURE THE CULPRIT
ARRS DID NOT SOLVE THE CASE ALONE
ARRS IS STRONG INDEED!
WELL DONE CAPTAIN DELTA.
THIS TIME IS SPECIAL
HMPH
DELTA?
DON'T EVER INTERFERE WITH MY WORK AGAIN!

SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE!
OVER THERE!
AAAAH, A GHOST!
R-ROBBERY!
WHAT'S THAT?
HUH?
METRO SILVER MINE, 4TH STREET!
INSPECTOR TAKASHI! WHAT HAPPENED?
OH, ATOM?!
JEWELLERY
GHOST?!
THE GUARDS CLAIMED A GHOST STOLE THE JEWELS
MY HEARING IS 10 000 TIMES BETTER THAN A HUMAN'S!
I HEARD SCREAMS
I SEE.
HOW DID YOU KNOW? WE JUST GOT HERE

THE STARS IN HEAVEN...
AND THE 'STARS' ON EARTH...
...ARE SO PRETTY
MY NAME IS ATOM. A SUPER ROBOT BORN IN METRO CITY
I'M PATROLLING THE CITY TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE
IN THE PAST, ROBOTS HAD NO FEELINGS, AND STARS WERE JUST BALLS OF GAS TO THEM.
I AM A THINKING ROBOT WITH A HEART, SO I CAN APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF THE STARS.

I WASN'T DREAMING, PLEASE BELIEVE ME!
THE JEWELS JUST FLOATED AWAY IN MID-AIR!
I-IT'S TRUE...
IT'S A PRETTY STONE INDEED...
I PREFER THE STARS IN THE SKY...
DID THE THIEF STEAL IT 'COS IT'S PRETTY?
DON'T BE SILLY!
IS THE CRIMINAL REALLY A GHOST?
YET THERE ARE NO CLUES...
THIS IS THE 6TH TIME THIS HAS HAPPENED THIS MONTH
WHO'S THERE?
CLICK
WHOOSH
PLINK
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I-IT'S HERE!
CRASH
AFTER THEM!
BUT I'M NOT THE POLICE.
?!
EVEN IF YOU'RE A GHOST, I WON'T LET YOU OFF!
HOVER
HOVER
?!
HOVER
WAIT!
HA HA HA
HE HE HE
THIS IS FUN!
WHOOSH
WHEW
WHAT?!
A HA HA HA!
IT'S JUST LIKE A CHILD PLAYING...
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IT WAS FUN BEING CHASED. LET'S DO IT AGAIN!
YOU CAN FLY!
AND VANISH!
TURN
YUP, I DO A LITTLE TURN
YOU DISAPPEAR FROM SIGHT
OKAY!
WHY...
MY NAME'S LIGHTNING
BYE BYE!
WHAT IS 'STEALING'?
I HAVE TO TAKE THIS TO THE BOSS
WHY ARE YOU STEALING THE JEWELS?
LIGHTNING!
I'M ATOM
WILL I SEE YOU AGAIN?
...
BOSS?!
I'LL GET SCOLDED IF I DON'T
OH NO I'VE GOT TO GO BACK NOW!
SPARKLE
ARE YOU A ROBOT?
YES, AND YOU'RE A ROBOT TOO!

A ROBOT CALLED LIGHTNING WHO CAN TURN INVISIBLE!
PROFESSOR, DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT?
HALF A YEAR AGO...
HIS UNFINISHED CREATION WAS STOLEN.
HE SPECIALISES IN USING A LIGHT SHIELD TO MAKE SOMETHING INVISIBLE
LIGHTNING IS A ROBOT MADE BY A SWISS SCIENTIST CALLED PROFESSOR EMIL.
...THE BOSS OF AN INTERNATIONAL THEFT SYNDICATE...
THE CULPRIT IS...
I REMEMBER THAT CASE TOO.
BY WHO?
SKUNK!
WANTED
WELL DONE, LIGHTNING
I'M BACK
GOOD GIRL.
HERE, BOSS.
HIS RECENT CRIMES WERE ALL CARRIED OUT WITH LIGHTNING
WHAT IS SKUNK LIKE?
HE'S EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT
A GUY WHO DOES ANYTHING FOR MONEY
AND ALWAYS MANAGES TO ESCAPE
IF LIGHTNING'S WORKING FOR SKUNK...
SHE'S AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS ROBOT!

WHO SAW YOU?!
A-A ROBOT CALLED ATOM.
I TOLD YOU TO KEEP A LOOKOUT!
IDIOT!
WHAT?
GULP
WE BECAME FRIENDS.
CAN I PLAY WITH ATOM AGAIN?
YES, IT'S FINE
I'M NOT ANGRY ANYMORE
IT'S ALRIGHT. SORRY FOR SCARING YOU, LIGHTNING
ATOM HELPS THE POLICE
BOSS, THIS IS BAD NEWS!
WAIT!
ROBOT TRASH

IF SHE'S STEALING, I CAN'T LET HER OFF.
PLEASE GO EASY ON LIGHTNING, INSPECTOR
I CAN PERSUADE HER TO STOP!!
SHE JUST DOESN'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S DOING.
INSPECTOR! LIGHTNING IS NOT AN EVIL ROBOT!
NO!
DON'T INTERFERE, ATOM
THIS IS A RARE CHANCE FOR US TO NAB SKUNK'S GANG
WELL DONE
YOU'RE REALLY USEFUL, LIGHTNING
NOBODY SAW YOU?
YUP. NO ONE!
THE PERSON SAW ME
AH OH.

LIGHTNING!
IT'S ME, ATOM
IF YOU'RE HERE, SHOW YOURSELF!
LIGHTNING!
SKUNK IS AN EVIL PERSON
I NEED TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH
?!
I MUST FIND LIGHTNING BEFORE THE INSPECTOR DOES
I'VE GOTTA HURRY
BUT THE POLICE ARE AFTER HER ALL BECAUSE OF SKUNK. I WON'T HAVE IT!
SHE'S A ROBOT LIKE ME
YOU'RE AWAKE.
THERE'S NO WORK TODAY
YOU CAN GO AND PLAY WITH ATOM
LIGHTNING!!

THERE'S MORE WORK TO BE DONE TOMORROW
IT'S TIME TO REST AND RECHARGE
OKAY!
I'M HAPPY THAT YOU'VE MADE FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE.
I LIKE YOU, LIGHTNING
MR. SKUNK
THE EVIDENCE WILL BE DISPOSED OF BEAUTIFULLY
THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN SKUNK'S POLICY.
WELL THEN, BOSS!
I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER.
IT'S ABOUT TIME WE STOPPED USING LIGHTNING
ATOM...
...AND TAWASHI...
...WILL BE BLOWN TO BITS. HUHEHE!
I'LL GIVE LIGHTNING A FINAL JOB

WHAT IS IT?
SOMETHING FOR ATOM.
...FROM YOU TO YOUR PRECIOUS FRIEND!
THIS IS A LITTLE REWARD FOR YOUR GOOD WORK
...HERE, TAKE THIS WITH YOU.
REALLY?!
A LITTLE GIFT...
AH
THANK YOU, MR. SKUNK!
ATOM!
I CAN MEET YOU AGAIN!

Chapter 10

SKUNK'S GANG

!
JUST AS I THOUGHT
TICK TICK
SEARCH EYE!
SKUNK...?
ARE YOU SURE?
IT CAN'T BE. LET'S OPEN IT!
...A BOMB.
LIGHTNING, THIS IS
EH?!
MR. SKUNK SAID... HE LIKES ME...
WHY ARE YOU SAYING SUCH THINGS...?
HE'S USING YOU TO COMMIT CRIMES
LISTEN, LIGHTNING DON'T BELIEVE ANYTHING SKUNK TELLS YOU
NOO!
AH...
IT'S NOT RIGHT TO TAKE OTHER PEOPLE'S THINGS!

GREAT! I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU
I CAME TO PLAY, ATOM.
HERE, IT'S FOR YOU.
ATOM, I BROUGHT YOU A PRESENT.
MR. SKUNK TOLD ME TO GIVE IT TO YOU!
ACTUALLY, I DON'T KNOW EITHER
WHAT'S IN IT?
OKAY
NO
THIS... ISN'T JEWELS IS IT?

I REMOVED MY ENERGY SOURCE BEFORE GOING TO BED!!
OH NO, I FORGOT
LIGHTNING, NO, DON'T GO BACK..
MR. SKUNK...!
?!
GASP
HURRY HURRY!
LIGHTNING?!
PROFESSOR, I NEED ENERGY RIGHT NOW!
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE ALL ABOUT?
IT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW!
HEY, IT'S NOT FULL YET!
SHE'S APPEARING AND DISAPPEARING AS SHE GOES ALONG
THE EXPLOSION EARLIER MUST HAVE CAUSED SOME DAMAGE..
OVER THERE!
PROFESSOR, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
INSPECTOR WRIGHT
SLAM!
KYAAH!
ATOM'S AN IDIOT!
IT'S GONNA BLOW!
LIGHTNING, NO!!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
LIGHTNING, HANG ON!
PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU!
MR SKUNK IS..
IT'S IT'S TRUE..
LIGHTNING!

CLICK
I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED MR SKUNK WAS A GOOD PERSON...
I DON'T WANT TO COMMIT ANYMORE CRIMES!
NO!
GOODBYE, LIGHTNING...
I HAVE NO USE FOR YOU IF YOU DON'T OBEY ME.
I'LL DESTROY YOU AND MAKE YOU DISPPEAR FOREVER
AN ELECTRONIC FIELD DISRUPTOR
WHAT'S THAT?
SMASH
N-NO...
WE MUST CATCH HER TONIGHT
IF SHE RESISTS, DESTROY HER.
LIGHTNING CAUSED THAT EXPLOSION
THAT'S SKUNK'S HIDEOUT.
A BOTCHED INCIDENT
LOOKS LIKE YOU FAILED...
HAVE I BEEN COMMITTING CRIMES ALL THE TIME?
THIS TIME WE'LL GO AFTER TAWASHI.
CHANGE OF PLANS.
TOSS
I ALMOST DESTROYED MY FRIEND!
MR SKUNK, WHY WAS THERE A BOMB...?

SWISH!
MEDDLING ROBOT.
EAT THIS ELECTRIC WHIP!
SNAP
SNAP
WHAT IS THIS...?
SNAP
MY STRENGTH IS GONE ?!
AH.
YANK
YEAH!
THE POLICE WILL BE HERE SOON!
THUD
THUD

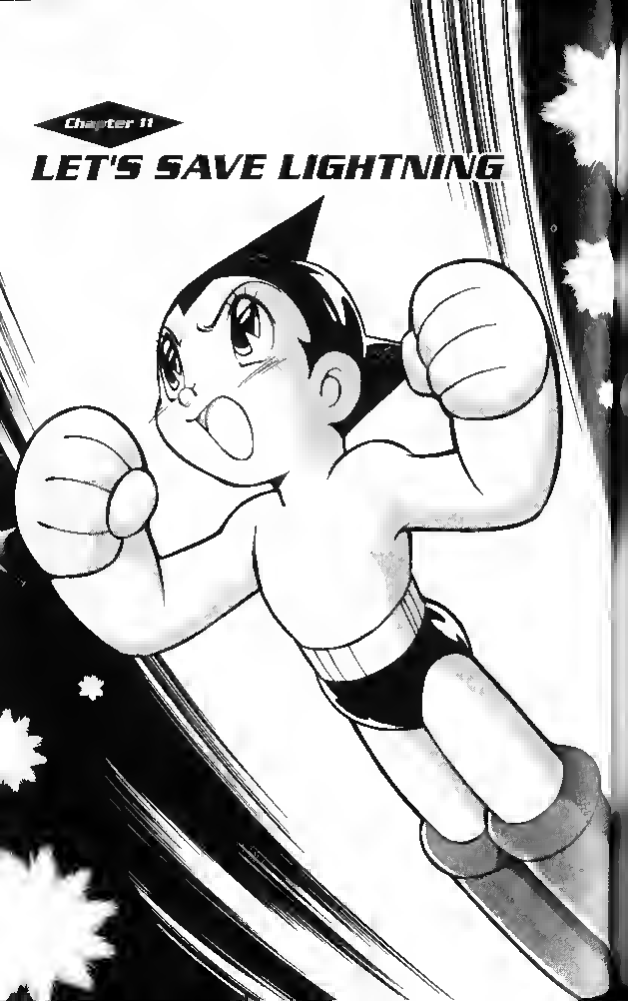
ARE YOU SKUNK?
YOU TREAT LIGHTNING LIKE A TOOL AND HURT HER.
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!
ATOM!

CATCH!
WHAT AN HONOUR IT IS TO MEET YOU...
WELL WELL... LOOK HERE... IT'S ATOM.
DASH
WHAT?!
ACK!
ZAP
PING!

SMIRK
WHAT'S WRONG, BIG DOLL?
SHOW'S OVER!
OH NO... I'VE RUN OUT OF ENERGY 'COS I DIDN'T SET OFF ON FULL!
CRACK
YOU'RE SO FULL OF YOURSELF!
YOU'RE JUST A ROBOT AND YET YOU DARE REBEL AND WHINE ABOUT WHAT YOU DISLIKE?
STOP IT!
ROBOTS SHOULD JUST SHUT UP AND DO WHAT HUMANS TELL THEM.
BRING ME 'SOLOMON'S GOLDEN CROWN' FROM THE CENTRAL MUSEUM.
AND I WILL LET ATOM GO.
VERY WELL BEFORE MORNING
I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY.
PLEASE!
STOP HURTING ATOM.
DON'T COMMIT CRIMES
NO, LIGHTNING...

Chapter 11

LET'S SAVE LIGHTNING



ATOM!
BANG BANG
PING
HEHEHE YOU MUST BE KIDDING!
GIVE YOURSE...VES UP!
I'LL GIVE YOU ENERGY NOW.
HEY, ATOM!
AH... WAIT!
AH!
GOODBYE, MR TAWASHI
AARGH! AFTER THEM!
I GO WHEREVER YOU GO!
PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU! WHY ARE YO... HERE?!

A ROBOT WITH THE STRENGTH OF 100,000 HORSES IS JUST A DOLL.
HEHE... DIE, ATOM!
ZAP
CHEH
IT'S INSPECTOR TAWASHI!
IT'S SKUNK AND HIS GANG! ARREST THEM!

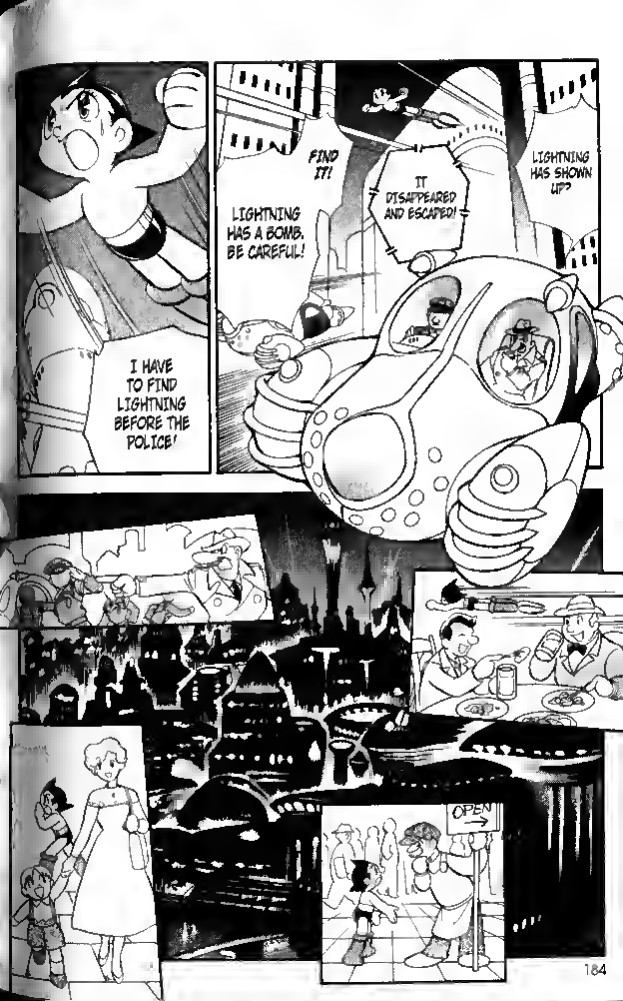
I MUST SAVE HIM.
ATOM IS MY FIRST ROBOT FRIEND.
WHAT SHOULD I DO? IT'LL BE MORNING SOON.
I'VE SUFFERED SOME DAMAGE.
THAT'S RIGHT!
THE SECURITY GUARD HAS A GUN...
I WANT TO GO BUT
YOU CAN ONLY USE IT ONCE.
WHEN YOU PRESS THE SWITCH, IT WILL RELEASE ELECTRICITY AND PROTECT YOU.
LISTEN UP, THIS IS A GUARD SPRAY.
CLICK
I HAVE THIS!
...UNLESS YOU REALLY HAVE TO...
DON'T PRESS THIS SWITCH

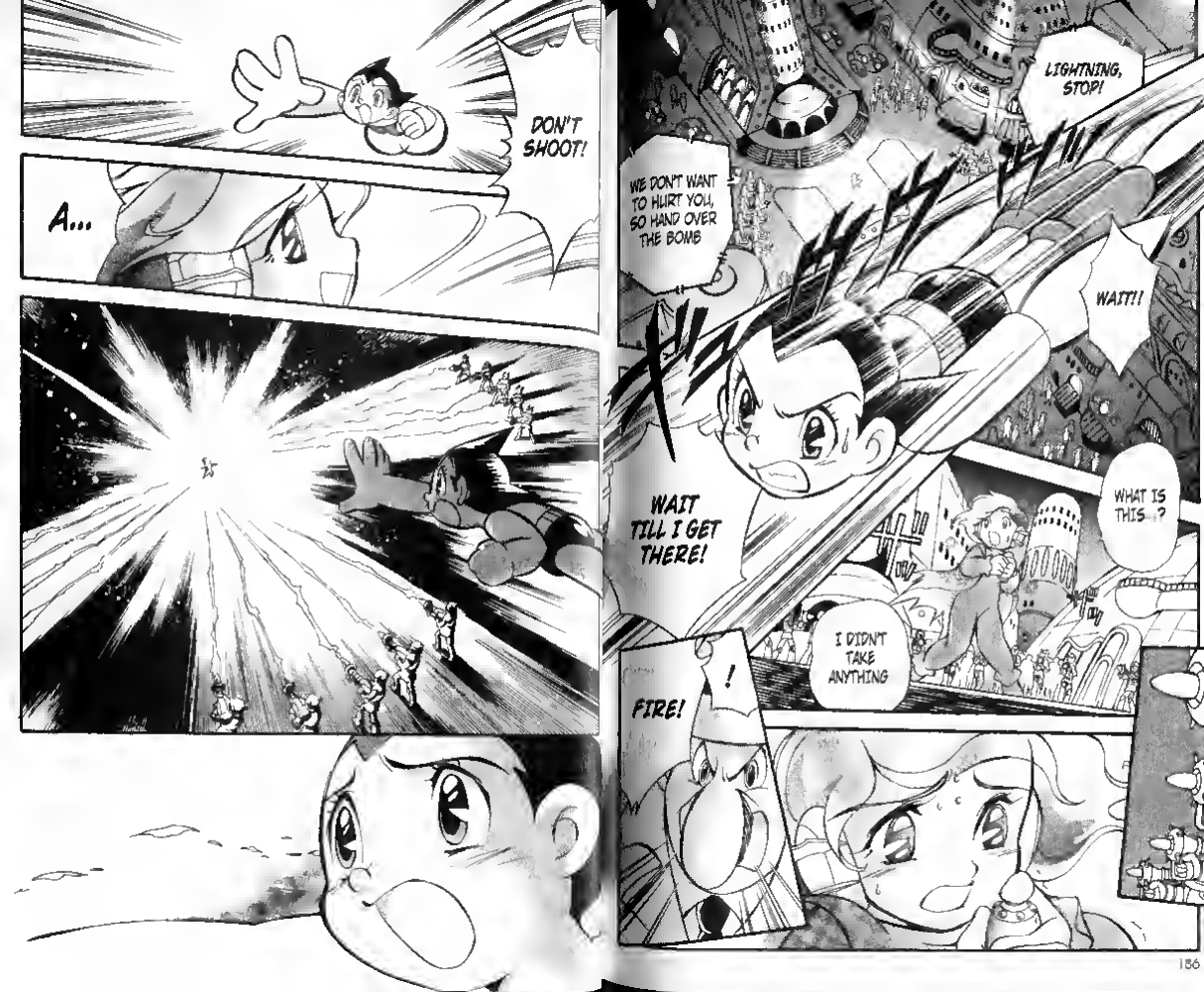
WHAT?!
...WITH AN EXTREMELY LARGE BOMB.
ISN'T IT BETTER TO LEAVE ME ALONE FOR NOW?
LIGHTNING IS HEADED TOWARDS CENTRAL MUSEUM.
HUH?
SWING
???
DASH
OH NO! MY LEGS
AH
'SOLOMON'S GOLDEN CROWN!!
THAT'S IT..

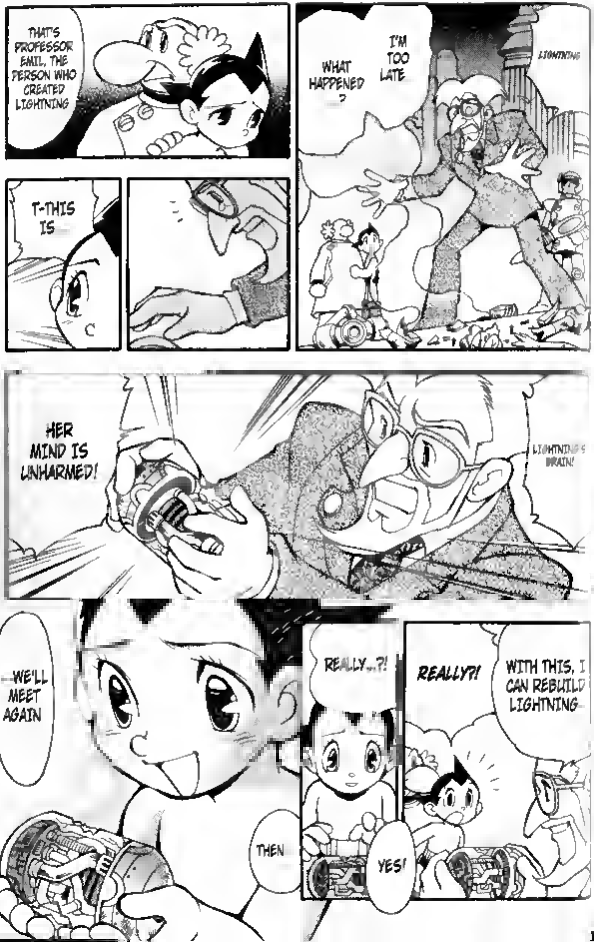
WHO'S THERE?
SWISH
IT VANISHED?
IMPOSSIBLE. WHERE IS IT?
AH!
CLATTER
I CAN'T CARRY IT...
THIS IS HEAVY
A ROBOT THIEF!
IT'S TRYING TO STEAL THE CROWN!
GET BACK HERE!

TAKE CARE!
YOU'D BETTER HURRY OVER AND ARREST LIGHTNING.
SHE HAS A BOMB IT'LL WIPE OUT ALL EVIDENCE.
EVERYONE, BRING YOUR ELECTRONIC FIELD DISRUPTOR!
TO THE CENTRAL MUSEUM!
SKUNK! HOW CRUEL CAN YOU BE?
ATOM! HURRY! FIND LIGHTNING!
INSPECTOR!
BUT, THERE ARE LIVES AT STAKE HERE!
I DON'T WANT TO DESTROY ROBOTS NEEDLESSLY EITHER.
DON'T SHOOT LIGHTNING!!
WAIT, INSPECTOR TAWASHI..

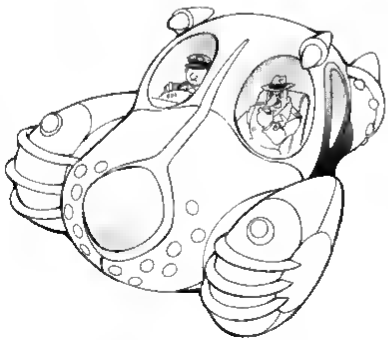
I CAN'T MAKE MYSELF COMPLETELY INVISIBLE!
WHAT SHOULD I DO... ATOM...
RUNNING LOW... WHAT SHOULD I DO?
MY ENERGY IS
A ROBOT THAT LOOKS LIKE LIGHTNING HAS BEEN SPOTTED!
WE HAVE HER SURROUNDED!
34TH STREET HEADING TOWARDS MAIN STREET
LIGHTNING!


I HAVE TO FIND LIGHTNING BEFORE THE POLICE!
FIND IT!
LIGHTNING HAS A BOMB. BE CAREFUL!
IT DISAPPEARED AND ESCAPED!
LIGHTNING HAS SHOWN UP?
OPEN


DON'T SHOOT!
A...
LIGHTNING, STOP!
WE DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU, SO HAND OVER THE BOMB
WAIT!!
WAIT TILL I GET THERE!
WHAT IS THIS...?
I DIDN'T TAKE ANYTHING
FIRE!
!


THAT'S PROFESSOR EMIL, THE PERSON WHO CREATED LIGHTNING
T-THIS IS
WHAT HAPPENED ?
I'M TOO LATE
LIGHTNING
HER MIND IS UNHARMED!
LIGHTNING'S BRAIN!
WE'LL MEET AGAIN
REALLY...?!
REALLY?!
WITH THIS, I CAN REBUILD LIGHTNING
THEN
YES!

IT'S THEIR JOB TO CATCH THOSE WHO MAKE USE OF ROBOT'S TO COMMIT CRIMES..
ATOM... I FEEL SORRY FOR LIGHTNING.
LIGHTNING...!
I REALLY WANTED TO TALK TO LIGHTNING AGAIN
BUT..
I DON'T HATE ANYONE
バタン!!



ATOM, YOU TOO! I'LL COME PLAY WITH YOU AGAIN
TAKE CARE, LIGHTNING!
HELP ME THINK OF ALL THE FUN THINGS WE CAN DO!
OKAY!
AHA HA HA!
AFTER YOU GET A NEW BODY, YOU MUST VISIT ME!
THIS TIME I'LL KEEP WATCH OVER LIGHTNING AND MAKE SURE SHE WON'T BE EXPLOITED AGAIN!
I WAS FAR TOO CARELESS
WE'LL MEET AGAIN.
I HAVE A FRIEND...
...WHO IS AS BEAUTIFUL AS THE STARS..
BYE BYE!
YES INSPECTOR!
AFTER SKUNK!

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